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STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on March 6, 2002. Since more than one and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant. Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates the above assigned Group Art Unit is currently examining applications filed on or before May 5, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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